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For: SYNTHETIC PEPTIDES CONTAINING PROTECTIVE EPITOPES FOR THE

TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF PERIODONTITIS ASSOCIATED WITH

PORPHYROMONAS GINGIVALIS

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## **AMENDMENT**

In response to the Official Action mailed April 14, 2004 (for which petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows: